nth January THE NEW EAST INDIES COMPANY

Now that the new authorised company of merchants preparing to trade to the East Indies have advanced their preparations for the voyage to a full readiness, certain that had heretofore assured by their subscriptions to advance sums of money would retract their promises , but upon complaint made to the Council they are commanded to furnish their promised contributions by Saturday next lest they be committed to prison

I $ th January BAN BURY CROSS DEFACED

The inhabitants of B anbury, being far gone in Puritanism, in a furious zeal have tumultuously assailed the Cross that stood in their market place, and so defaced it that scarcely one stone is left upon another The chief actors m these riotous proceedings are enjoined to re-edify the cross and to appear before the Lords in the Star Chamber to receive some condign punishment

i^th January THE EARL OF ESSEX

The Earl of Essex is now altogether in his house near Temple Bar in no favour as yet with her Majesty, but growing again to wonted popularity, being often visited by many of the nobility, as the Earls of Worcester, Southampton, Sussex, Rutland, Bedford and others, with many captains and cavaliers, and a whole pack of Puritans, insomuch as it is thought both the Queen and Mr Secretary stand in awe of him, and would make him surer if they durst Not many days since, the Lord Treasurer sent his eldest son to visit him, and withal to tell him that he had dealt effectively with her Majesty on his behalf, and was in hope to have brought it to good forwardness, had not his Lordship in three respects hindered him The one in permitting base captains and rascals (as Captain Baynham by

name) to have free access unto him, who being desperately bent upon all occasions, her Majesty might justly fear no good meaning The second for that his house was open to all new comers, where he often feasted some of the nobility and many others, whereby he discovered himself to affect popularity The third, by having so many chaplains and so many exercises or Puritan sermons, or rather conventicles, that he drew multitudes thither, that the Queen could not but take it ill

To these he answered that he knew no rascals that resorted